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TAGS: SNAR VE  
SUBJECT: GFZR-78-8015 ANTILLEAN GOVT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

SUMMARY: ANTILLEAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE (ALSO VICE PRIME MINISTER)

HAS REQUESTED USG PROVIDE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING IN MARINE  
INTERDICTION PROGRAM. US OFFICERS HAVE REQUESTED THAT HIS GOVT  
SUBMIT DETAILED PROPOSAL, SUGGESTING HE PERSONALLY TRANSMIT  
PROPOSAL TO D.C. PENDING RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL, CCO BELIEVES USG  
SHOULD, AT MINIMUM, PROVIDE TRAINING AND FUNDING FOR INTELLIGENCE  
PROGRAM.

1. ON 3/8/78 CON GEN CURACAO AND SAS BRIGGS AND PHILLIPS MET WITH  
ANTILLEAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE CHANCE AND CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
OLDENBOOM OF KPNA.
2. MINISTER TOLD US OFFICERS HE HAD ORDERED KPNA OFFICERS TO  
CONUS TO STUDY FEASIBILITY OF ANTI -MARINE SMUGGLING OPERATIONS.  
KPNA HAD MET WITH UNIDENTIFIED US COAST GUARD AND CUSTOMS PER-  
SONNEL WHO HAD RECOMMENDED THE ANTILLEAN GOVT UTILIZE FOUR PATROL  
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CRAFT IN THEIR TERRITORIAL WATERS; EACH CRAFT, FULLY EQUIPPED,  
COSTING \$200,000 US.

3. MINISTER CONTINUED THAT HE HAS SECURED FUNDING FOR TWO VESSELS  
AND WAS SEEKING USG SUPPORT IN TRAINING OF PERSONNEL IN BOAT  
HANDLING AND MARINE OPERATIONS AND THE PROVISION OF TWO ADDITIONAL  
CRAFT AS US ADVISORS INDICATED THIS MINIMUM REQUIREMENT.

4. US OFFICERS EXPLAINED US PRIORITIES IN PROVIDING SUCH FINANCIAL AID. WHEN DISCUSSION INDICATED THAT MINISTER DID NOT, REPEAT, NOT HAVE OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR MARINE OPERATIONS, US OFFICERS ADVISED HIM OF THIS NECESSITY AND FURTHER THAT ANY USE OF HARDWARE WOULD HAVE TO BE SUPPORTED BY AN INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY TARGETS AND TRAFFICKING GROUPS. MINISTER SPECIFICALLY ADVISED THAT USG WOULD NOT, REPEAT, NOT FINANCE AN EXPEDITION TO DETERMINE IF TRAFFICKING ROUTES IN FACT EXIST.

5. US OFFICERS SUGGESTED THAT MINISTER PREPARE PROPOSAL SETTING FORTH RECOGNIZED PROBLEM BACKED BY STATISTICS AND HARD INTELLIGENCE, HOW CRAFT WOULD BE UTILIZED, WHAT INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED, AND WHAT RESOURCES, FINANCIAL AND HUMAN, HIS GOVT IS PREPARED TO COMMIT.

6. US OFFICERS NOTED THAT DEDICATION OF PERSONNEL TO FOUR CRAFT WOULD EXCEED NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED DEUG UNITS ON SIX ISLANDS. MINISTER ADVISED IT NOT DECIDED IF SWORN OR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WOULD BE EMPLOYED AS CREW.

7. MINISTER THEN REQUESTED DEA ASSISTANCE IN DRAFTING PROPOSAL AND DESIGNATED ARUBAN POLICE COMMISSIONER ZAANDAM HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO COMPLETE THE TASK. CCO AGENTS LATER MET WITH ZAANDAM AND PROVIDED HIM WITH VISUALIZED PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS. CCO AGENT WILL TRAVEL ARUBA NEXT MONTH TO DISCUSS STUDY RESULT AND  
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ASSIST PROPOSAL PREPARATION.

8. AS PER TELCON WITH ENOA/HOLGERSON, US OFFICERS SUGGESTED THAT MINISTER PERSONALLY TRAVEL TO D.C. WITH DEA REPRESENTATIVE TO PRESENT PROPOSAL. CCO AND CON GEN PENBERTHY ENDORSE THIS PROPOSAL BELIEVING IT WOULD BE IN USGS BEST INTEREST WERE HE ABLE TO MEET WITH ADMINISTRATOR AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. MINISTER CHANCE ACCEPTED PROPOSAL, INDICATING ABILITY TRAVEL TO D.C., AT OWN EXPENSE, LATE APRIL.

9. ANTILLES ISLES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS TRANSIT AREA AS WELL AS OPERATION CENTER FOR NUMBER OF ORGANIZED GROUPS INTRODUCING DRUGS TO CONUS. ANTILLEAN MARINE INTERDICTION CAPABILITY COULD ENHANCE USG DEFENSES IN CARIBBEAN IF PROPERLY DIRECTED ALTHOUGH CCO PERSONNEL NOT CONVINCED THAT FOUR VESSELS ARE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT,  
PENDING RESULT ANTILLEAN STUDY.

10. AT PRESENT, CCO SUGGEST THAT USG PROVIDE SEAMEN TRAINING TO PERSONNEL SELECTED AS MINISTER CHANCE CHANCE PLANS TO PURCHASE TWO VESSELS REGARDLESS OF USG RESPONSE. FURTHER SUGGEST DEA BE PREPARED TO FUND MODEST INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM OF INFORMANTS MANAGED

BY KPNA TO FILL LARGE GAP IN THEIR OPERATIONS. SUCH FINANCIAL AID COULD BE THROUGH BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND WOULD OVERCOME THE BYZANTINE MENTALITY OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER OLDENBOOM WHO OPINES THAT ANTILLEANS ADVERSE TO INFORMING ON MONETARY BASIS, AN OPINION SCOFFED AT BY OPERATIONAL PERSONNEL. PROPOSAL WILL BE SUBMITTED BY MEMO.

11. ENOA REQUESTED DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH S/NM AND ADVISE ASAP ANY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS REQUIRED IN PROPOSAL. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ADVICE RE MECHANICS OF INVITATION OF CHANCE TO US AND ARRANGMENTS TO MEET NECESSARY OFFICIALS. WISH TO STRESS IT WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL WERE HE ABLE TO MEET ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL, A NOMINAL COUNTERPART. GDS.

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